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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Joint Committee

on cocoa

Adopted on 24 September 1980

The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, meeting in Luxembourg from
24 to 26 September 1980,

- seriously concerned at the fall in the prices of commodities, particularly cocoa,
 - regretting the lack of a Community decision on a minimum price for cocoa, during the recent Geneva consultations, which would have made possible the resumption of negotiations on the conclusion of a new international agreement,
 - having regard to the vital importance of cocoa for the economies of many ACP states and, in particular, the political and social consequences of a fall in the price of cocoa,
1. Requests the Community, as the world's major consumer of cocoa, to assume its full responsibilities so that negotiations on the conclusion of a new International Cocoa Agreement can be resumed and completed;
 2. Calls on the Community
 - (a) to agree to the fixing of a minimum price for cocoa, taking account of the overriding need to guarantee a fair level of remuneration and to protect the interests of the ACP producer states;
 - (b) to agree to the fixing of a guaranteed seasonal price for cocoa and to accept the principle of a periodic review of cocoa prices;
 3. Consequently requests the EEC Council of Ministers to take all the necessary steps to enable the Community to assume in full its special responsibilities in this field in accordance with the spirit and letter of the Lomé II Convention.